

## RIB MOUNTAIN STATE PARK 2008 DEER SEASON SPECIAL REGULATIONS – DMU 57D

Only holders of a 2008 Park Access Permit for deer hunting in Rib Mountain State Park (Deer Management Unit 57D) may deer hunt in the park. On all vehicles that enter the park, Park admission stickers are required (\$7.00 per day or \$25.00 annually for residents; \$10.00 per day or \$35.00 annually for non-residents). Hunters are encouraged to purchase stickers prior to opening morning to avoid delays at the office. Camping in the park is not available at this time of year.

### Season Dates:

- Rib Mountain State Park will be open to gun deer hunting November 22 – December 10, 2008 (muzzleloaders only). **NOTE: The Park will not be open to muzzleloader hunting during the statewide December 11 - 14, 2008 antlerless gun hunt.**
- Archery deer hunting will be open in the park from December 1 – January 4, 2009. Archers are required to meet blaze orange requirements from December 1 – 10, 2008 when the muzzleloader season is also open.

### Weapon Restrictions:

- **Only Muzzleloaders** may be used to hunt deer in the park during the November 22 - December 10, 2008 muzzleloader season. Please see the *2008 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations* for muzzleloader restrictions. All firearms must be unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case when in or on a motor vehicle or within a closed area of the park. Note: Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded if the cap is removed from a cap lock muzzleloader, or the flash pan is cleaned on a flint-lock muzzleloader; the ball and powder may remain in the barrel, except that the powder and projectile must be removed from the barrel of an electronic ignition muzzleloader.
- No scope restrictions apply during the 19-day muzzleloader season in Rib Mountain State Park.

### Tagging Options:

- Muzzleloader hunters that receive a Park Access Permit for unit 57D may use their regular Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag to tag one buck during the muzzleloader season listed above.
- Archery hunters that possess a valid archery license and a Park Access Permit for unit 57D may harvest one buck with their unfilled Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag and one antlerless deer with their Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag.
- Additional antlerless deer may be harvested in either season per Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag valid in Herd Control and Earn-a-Buck Units. One tag comes free with each gun and archery deer hunting license.
- Additional Antlerless Herd Control Carcass Tags valid in Herd Control and Earn-a-Buck units are \$2 each (for residents and non-residents) and may be purchased online or at any DNR license sales location.

### Hunting Hours:

- Hunting hours are found in the *2008 Wisconsin Hunting Regulations* (pages 48 – 49). Hunters may enter the park up to one hour before the legal hunting hours begin for that day.

### Deer Registration:

- Deer will not be registered at Rib Mountain State Park. Deer must be registered in the adjacent unit of kill. A list of registration stations is available on the DNR website ([dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov)) or at all DNR Service Centers.
- When registering a deer harvested from Rib Mountain State Park, indicate “57D” as the DMU of Kill.

### Additional Park Regulations:

- Some areas of the park will be posted as closed areas (see map on back). **No hunting on or shooting into the closed areas is allowed.** A hunter may not pursue a wounded deer moving into any closed hunting area or drive deer from a closed area. Park rangers must be informed by the hunter of the location of any wounded animal within the closed areas.
- Group Hunting is restricted to persons in possession of a 2008 Park Access Permit for unit 57D. Persons who have filled their carcass tags may continue to engage in group hunting, providing they have their unit 57D Park Access Permit in their possession.
- Tree stands or elevated devices must be completely removed each date at the close of hunting hours. It is illegal to construct or use tree stands or elevated devices on state property, which causes damage to trees.
- All tree stands that are not occupied during legal hunting hours shall have the owner’s customer ID number or name and address attached to the tree stand in a manner that is visible to a person on the ground.
- **New in 2008:** Portable ground blinds used on DNR lands must have a minimum of 144 square inches of blaze orange material that is highly visible 360 degrees around the blind, any time a gun deer season is in effect.
- Ask permission prior to entering or crossing onto private property.
- There is no open season on any other species of wildlife in the park.
- It is illegal to hunt or shoot from or within 50 feet from the center of public roads, or to shoot across these roadways. It is also illegal to shoot within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy without the permission of the owner or occupant of that building.
- All hunters should be aware of other recreational users within the park. Not all people will be wearing blaze orange, so be sure of your target and beyond.

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